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Several freeway project contracts awarded by State Transportation Board

The State Transportation Board today (April 20) gave the green light to several major freeway construction projects, including the addition of carpool lanes to State Route 51 between Shea Boulevard and the Loop 101 in northeast Phoenix.

The board, which held its monthly meeting in Phoenix, approved contracts for the following projects, which are scheduled to start by this summer:

- \$40.2 million to add carpool lanes and other improvements to State Route 51 between Shea Boulevard and the Loop 101. Contract awarded to Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc.
- \$19.6 million to reconstruct the Interstate 17 interchange at Carefree Highway. Contract awarded to Pulice Construction, Inc.
- \$9.1 million to add rubberized asphalt to several sections of freeway, including Interstate 10 between 19th and 27th avenues at the "Stack" interchange in Phoenix, Interstate 17 between 16th Street and Buckeye Road in Phoenix, US 60 between Crismon Road and Siphon Draw Wash near Apache Junction, and the Loop 202 Santan Freeway between Kyrene Road and 48th Street in the Chandler and Ahwatukee areas. Contract awarded to Fisher Sand and Gravel Company.
- \$8.3 million to construct a new Interstate 10 interchange at Bullard Avenue in Goodyear. Contract awarded to FNF Construction, Inc.
- The board also awarded a \$40.5 million contract for a project to improve US 60 into a four-lane divided highway between Florence Junction and the Queen Creek Bridge in Pinal County. The Arizona Department of Transportation says the 9.5 mile project is expected to take approximately two years to complete. The work will include the realignment of some local roads to match new median crossing locations. Contract awarded to Kiewit Western Company.

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